

Seaforth Parent Advisory Council

By Cheryl Healey Chair@Seaforthpac.net

How much more fun can we have in an École Seaforth Elementary School year you ask? Well, you're about to find out. **Sports Day** is around the corner and for those parents who have not been to opening ceremonies in the past; you don't want to miss this!



On **May 16th** you will see Seaforth's own version of the Olympics and it will be memorable. Parents, guardians, family and friends are all welcome to take in the show and cheer for all our athletes. It's sure to be a **wild** event.

Spirit Day



Gail Su and her **Spirit Day Committee** have done another amazing job organizing this event on **April 25th**. Only once a year can you find such a wonderful, eclectic group of community volunteers, students and workshop hosts. Students were thrilled to participate in the many workshops ranging from: Woodworking, Introduction to Cricket, Introduction to Flag Football, Beginners Origami, Colours & Symbolism of the Canadian Flag, Zumba, to Mexican Mariachi & Tacos. There are so many to list! We are **grateful** to **all of the 40 dedicated workshop hosts** and their **volunteer teams** who helped make this day a success. This will be Gail's last year organizing Spirit Day, as it is time for her family to move on and start a new chapter in high school. There are no words to express our gratitude for all your hard work over the years...



Thank you Gail.

Terrific Tuesday is **May 13th**. Our next Terrific Tuesday will feature Amanda O'Leary as Smartee Pants the Clown! Children Kindergarten to Grade 3 are welcome to come and enjoy a hilarious, whimsical and ridiculous show in the gym at lunch. Come down right after the first lunch bell as the space might be limited.



Seaforth Sun Run Team

Congratulations to all the participants who completed the 2014 Vancouver Sun Run held on **Sunday April 28th**. The PAC was proud to help sponsor the Seaforth Sun Run team this year. Thank you to **Rhylin Bailie** for running the many training sessions and organizing the Seaforth Elementary School Team this year.

WANTED



VOLUNTEERS

We need YOU to volunteer at the Seaforth

Carnival. The Carnival is the school's largest fundraising event and its success relies heavily on volunteers. The less volunteers, the less activities we will be able to offer.

This event is being held on **Friday, May 30, 2014** and we will need plenty of volunteers, friends and alumni students to assist with the running of the games, concession, prize room and many other activities. If you are able to help for a **minimum one hour shift**, please contact:

Lynne Vidler at lynnev@shaw.ca

Kim Rieger at k.rieger@shaw.ca

Annie Hobson at dnah@telus.net

Extra volunteer forms are available at the office.

PASSPORTS

You can purchase a "Passport" for the event that allows you and your children to purchase snacks and enjoy the more than 20 games and activities. Children will win tickets at each game that can be cashed in for all sorts of fun prizes. Just fill out the attached form and return it with payment to your child's classroom or school office.

**** Early Bird Gets the Prize! ****

Passports ordered **before May 16th** will be entered into a draw for a prize. Pre-sales of the \$30 & \$40 Passports will receive a **free lanyard**. **Pre-sales cut-off is May 23rd**. (Passports will also be sold at the Carnival.) Passports:

\$40 for 45 paw prints



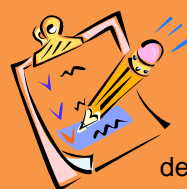
\$30 for 32 paw prints



\$10 for 10 paw prints



Check-A-Child



After several years of ensuring our children make it to school safely, Janet Lee will be moving on this year. We are grateful for her years of experience and dedication to our school and she will be dearly missed. Janet has coordinated our volunteers for the Check-A-Child program at Seaforth and her departure will leave a big vacancy. If you are interested in learning more about this important position and if you are able to be the co-ordinator for the **2014/15** school year please contact **Janet Lee** at janet.lee@telus.net or **Cheryl Healey** at chair@seaforthpac.net



Stream of Dreams Fence Project

Each Seaforth student will be painting their own unique and individual piece of art on a wooden fish to hang on our school's outer fence. We are still in need of a few parent volunteers for **Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, May 28th to May 31st**. Please contact Cheryl Tong at mrs.c.chung@gmail.com to lend a hand

Rainy Day Boxes

I am once again collecting items for the rainy day boxes for next school year - if you have **gently used games** (with all the pieces please), **puzzles**, **art supplies**, **playing cards** or anything that would be great for kids to play with during the rainy days at recess and lunch time, it would be greatly appreciated. I can be reached at **604-415-4550** or via email at anne_d@telus.net. I live very close to the school for easy drop off or if that is too inconvenient I can come by and pick up. Thank you very much. **Anne Deliyannides**.



Seaforth Hot Lunch

Thank you to the families who supported our hot lunch program for our final session. Just a friendly reminder for your child to come to the kitchen if there is a problem with their order on hot lunch days. Our hot lunch coordinators are always happy help resolve any issues that may need to be addressed. If you need additional assistance please contact your Hot Lunch Team. hotlunch@seaforthpac.net

Regular Hot Lunch

Rishma Vallani rvallani@shaw.ca

Munch a Lunch

Adrienne Dall'Antonia thedalls@shaw.ca



DOUGH RAISER PROGRAM

École Seaforth Elementary School is proud to be partnering up with Cobs Bread in **Lougheed Mall** to raise some extra funds. **5% of all purchases** by families and members of Seaforth Elementary School will be donated directly back to Seaforth. At the conclusion of the **2013-2014** school year, the full donation amount will be presented to Seaforth Elementary School. Please mention our school name to the cashier at the time of your purchase.



Forest Fairy Gathering



Get ready for an enchanted family adventure exploring the world of forest fairies and gnomes. Visit the **"Fairy Market"** for supplies to construct your own fairy home and enjoy free face painting. Fairy attire welcome. Meet at the **Burnaby Lake Nature House**, 4519 Piper Ave off Winston St. **Saturday May 17th 11-3pm**. All ages, Free, drop-in. For information visit www.metrovancouveronline.org or call 604-432-6359 Mon - Fri (8 am - 4:30 pm).

Eagle Creek Streamkeepers Society, Federal Dept of Fisheries, Salvation Army, Burnaby Rotaractors, Croatian Fish & Game, Rotary club of Burnaby - Deer Lake
2014 Salmon Release in Eagle Creek



COME AND JOIN US

**In releasing
50,000 Chum Salmon
into Eagle Creek
Saturday May 3, 2014
From 10:00AM to 2:00 PM
Charles Rummel Park Bby
Government Rd and Lozells**

PARTICIPATE IN

- Hands on Chum Release
- Cleanup of the Creek
- Interact with Enviroscope
- Educational activities
- Drain Marking
- Tree Planting

**Hot dogs, Chili and Drinks
by donation**

**Come and show support for
Eagle Creek**

About Eagle Creek Streamkeepers

We are a group of individuals volunteering to restore the fish and wildlife in Eagle Creek to its natural state.

We welcome new volunteers to join our group. For more info please call: Nick at 604-420-5661, Frank 604-298-5617 or Janice 604-420-0038

Eagle Fish Ladder removal project 2014



Boston Pizza



Boston Pizza **4219 Lougheed Hwy** in Burnaby is another local business that has partnered up with École Seaforth Elementary School. Mention our school name when paying your bill and **10% of your purchase** will be directed back to our school.

Nominations for 2014-15 PAC Executives.

With the 2014 school year nearing an end your PAC will once again have the following positions available: **Vice Chairperson, Treasurer, Secretary, District Parent Advisory Council Representative, Canadian Parents for French Representative, and Members at Large**. If you are interested in joining our team, please feel free to chat with our members any time for more information, or drop by the next PAC meeting on **May 14th at 7pm in the library**. Refreshments and childcare will be provided. Being a **PAC Executive** is an **opportunity to make a difference** in our school and in our community. **"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."** -Margaret Mead.

Seaforth Parent Advisory Council

February 12th 2014

General Meeting Minutes

Report from the Chair February 12, 2014

Your Seaforth PAC is back to work planning for our next special project to help celebrate April 9th International Day of Pink. What does pink mean to you? There may be a few creative pink t-shirts in your child’s future.

Spirit Day planning is also underway and we are still looking for more volunteers to help run a few workshops. Be sure to contact Gail Su gailmsu@hotmail.ca if you are able to help out.

We are also proud to help sponsor our second Seaforth Sun Run Team. Make sure you contact Rhylin Bailie rbailie@jproust.ca by February 14th to take advantage of the early-bird price.

I’m sure there are a few of you that will be taking advantage of the childcare option for the upcoming Valentine’s Dinner and Movie night. This will be a fun night out for children and adults.

Once again I’d like to thank each and every one of you who are able to volunteer your time to help make all these events possible. We are all part of our children’s school experience and by working together we can make it memorable.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Healey
PAC Chairperson
Seaforth Elementary School

École Seaforth Elementary School
Principal's Report to PAC
12 February 2014

2013 / 2014
CLASS ENROLLMENT
Date: 29 January 2014

DIV	TEACHER	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	TOTALS
1	Moore, Debbie								28	28
2	Lapthorne, Glen							10	18	28
3	Lucarelli, Gino							7	21	28
4	Whitney, Tasha						9	15		24
5	Mollica, Tina						9	18		27
6	Bisceglia, Teresa						10	17		27
7	Boulanger, Jennifer					15	12			27
8	March, George					16	8			24
9	Bastone, Elena					18	9			27
10	Richter, Anne Louise				15	6				21
11	Glavas, Lynda / Lundie, Carolyn			9	14					23
12	Hanson, Loraine				23					23
13	Gayton, Renee			17	7					24
14	Kaga, Kathy		7	14						21
15	Sharples, Lorelei		17	7						24
16	Papapanagiotou, Soula	11	10							21
17	Robson, Kari		21							21
18	Graham, Pat		11	11						22
19	Tazumi, Pam	21								21
20	Hope, Stephanie	19								19
21	Gillingham, Megan	20								20
	French Immersion TOTALS	31	27	24	22	22	17	22	21	186
	English TOTALS	40	39	34	37	33	40	45	46	314
Total Students										500

Please see the enrolment report above.

May 2014

We have begun our celebration of Family at Seaforth. Our 'Family Tree' is taking shape in the front hallway with new leaves being added daily. It should look spectacular when it is all finished. We are continuing our family work throughout the month and plan to leave displays up for Student Led Conferences in March. Students will be bringing home a notice and/or you will be receiving it electronically asking for 'Family Treasures' to be brought to school for our display as part of our Family Month celebrations as well. We encourage students to bring in their treasures for display but want to make sure they are clearly identified so they can be returned after they have been removed from the Display Case. We need your help with this PRIOR to them coming to school. Thanks so much!!

The very exciting Streetheart Classic Finals take place this Friday. The Grade 7 students have been displaying wonderful sportsmanship during their games at recess and lunch. My thanks to Mrs. Moore and Mr. Laphorne for their organization of this annual tournament. The kids love it!!! Friday is sure to be an exciting time around here. The final game always is, followed by the trophy presentations and of course the Grade 6/7 dance in the afternoon is always a big hit!

My concerns about the lack of parent volunteers for the Crossing Guard Program remain as when I spoke at the last PAC meeting. Simply put, we need more volunteers.

I have noticed lately that the traffic on Jensen Place has become quite a problem in the mornings and after school. I would like to remind parents to please pay attention to the posted traffic signs anywhere within the area of the school. I have been made aware of a couple instances lately where parents have been ticketed by the Bylaw Officer for traffic sign violation on Jensen. There were monetary penalties involved as well.

Log in Codes for Parent/Student Satisfaction Surveys for students in Grade 4 and 7 will be arriving home shortly (if they have not already). Please take the time to complete this survey as a parent as well as have your child complete it. This is an opportunity to give feedback to the Ministry of Education. The surveys are anonymous.

Grade 4 and 7 students are also in the process of writing the FSA tests right now. Test writing should be wrapped up in the next couple of weeks.

Upcoming Events:

- Streetheart Classic Finals – February 14th
- Family Movie Night – February 14th
- CPF French Film Festival for FI students at Metrotown – February 20th
- District Pro D Day – February 21st
- Young People's Concert – February 24th
- Golf Program – Grade 4/5 and 5/6 – February 19th and 20th
- Tennis Lessons – February 24th – March 14th
- Early Dismissal for Student Led Conferences – March 11th and 12th
- Report Cards Issued – March 13th
- Spring Break – March 17th – March 28th

Approval of January General Meeting

There is Approval for January General Meeting. No errors approved by Siva and Cynthia.

Chairperson Report

International day of Pink rather than having anti-bullying day in February we will focus on Family. April 9th is International day of Pink day to celebrate tolerance, anti-bullying broader spectrum, hoping to have pink shirts again as last year can send out forms.

Open to suggestions, concern has been raised for spring break instead of doing contest ask kids to wear pink in any form that they have it will be short time line either start before spring break. Thinking of celebrating what is already been done.

Spirit Day

Your 2014 Spirit Day catalog is full of many new and exciting workshops for our Seaforth students. Please see the following attachments for more information. Spirit Day Committee has been hard at work planning for our 8th Annual Spirit Day being held on April 25th.

Sun Run Team

Another notice has been sent there is some technical issues with the list serve, can send it as paper along with another package. There's still time to join Seaforth's Sun Run Team! Whether you choose to walk or run the 10K or the 2.5K course participating in the Vancouver Sun Run is a huge accomplishment and a great way to share a healthy lifestyle with your kids! This year the Sun Run will take place on Sunday, April 27 in downtown Vancouver. We'll travel to and from the race together in a school bus, and will stop for ice cream on the way home to celebrate our achievement.

Movie Night coming up

Available executive positions: CPF and Secretary 2nd.

Family Tree theme this month

May 2014

Working on family theme this month. Hopefully by Friday we want to have it up from all the classes. Earlier thinking for having it only for the month of February but now we have student led conferences and other things we will leave it up for the month of March as well.

Sweetheart classics
Happening this Friday Feb 14th. The Grade 7 students have been showing great sports spirit during their games at recess and lunch. Friday is exciting time around here. The final game always is, followed by the trophy presentations and of course the grade 6/7 dance in the afternoon is always a big hit.

Jensen Place
The principal had a notice recently that the traffic on Jensen Place has become quite a problem in the mornings and after school. Would like to remind parents to pay attention to the posted traffic signs anywhere within the area of the school. A couple of parents have been ticketed by the bylaw officer for traffic sign violation.

Satisfaction survey
Log in codes for Parent/Student Satisfaction Surveys for students in Grade 4 and Grade 7 will be taking home this week. Please take the time to complete the survey as a parent and as a student to complete it.

FSA testing
Grade 4 and 7 students are also in the process of writing the FSA Tests right now. Test writing should be wrapping up in the next couple of weeks.

Family movie night
Lots of activities and games like cupcake game happening on February 12th.

6. Guest Speaker **Donna Savoie** from Burnaby Parks and Recreation
Seaforth elementary school welcomes Donna Savoie to Seaforth Pac meeting. She is from Burnaby parks recreation and services. She is the community coordinator connecting with school administration to design recreation programs after school and during special days.

Brief report about our last program information is sent out in the newsletter, also it can be accessed from Burnaby Parks and Recreation website

This season we had an All Sports program, Arts programs and Sketch programs

Looking for a similar platform for spring, there has been some interest for Lego.
It's has been a great experience and we receive valuable information from parents as we run programs in the school. Share this info with your friends and family and neighbors.

For the Spring break we have Camp Madawaska running at Charles Rummel Centre. It's an outdoor adventure camp. Try archery, shelter building, outdoor cooking, and capture the flag. Registration is now open.
Donna is interested in finding out what kind of programs you are interested in for the fall, one day special events programs similar to what they do for preschool programs like Halloween, Easter and Valentines? Will get connected with Cheryl or Mr. Hiltz, there has been some interests in youth services. We have to put the word out there and let the community know and get feedback.

Registration has been low at Charles Rummel for preschool programs. There is a trend for active programs for younger kids i.e. sporting options. She is open to feedback and suggestions.

Treasurer Report
Teachers have received \$15.50 per child from all the donations collected up to December. There are 501 children enrolled. Up from last year.

Committee Updates:
a. CPF
There has been good response from Burnaby schools attending the French Movie. All French Immersion kids will be bussed there. First two weeks of August for French summer camp, held back here at Seaforth space for 48 kids.

b. Crosswalk
Need volunteers after spring break will be sending another notice, alternate Tuesday morning, Thursday afternoon looking to fill spaces.

c. Seaforth Scholarship
Don't have the finalized report, waiting for general notice.

d. DPAC
Nothing to report.

e. Spirit Day
2nd notice has been sent out.

f. Carnival
May 30th, Annie and Zena are going to organize a meeting next week. Need a lot of volunteers.

g. Seaforth Sun Run Team
30 people signed up for next week.

h. Quebec trip and Grade 7 Grad
Need more support from Grade 7 and Quebec Trip families supporting fund raisers.

Working on design options with playground companies. Will have more to report at next meeting. 9. New business / Q&A